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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) form and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

1. Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-148684, published May 19, 2000 (corresponds to Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 2001-44992, published February 16, 2001).
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In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith a copy of a Japanese Office Action dated August 12, 2003, and an English translation of the pertinent portions thereof, which cites such documents and indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign patent office.

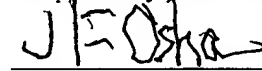
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Reason

The inventions as per Claims 1 through 14 of this application are identical to inventions first described in the specification or drawings appended to Applications 1 and 2 indicated below, which are applications filed prior to but published after the filing of this application; moreover, the inventor of this application is not the same as the person who made the aforementioned inventions as per the applications filed prior to the filing of this application, and the applicant of this application at the time of its filing was not the same as the applicants of the aforementioned patent applications, and therefore the inventions as per the following claims of this application cannot be patented as per the stipulations of Article 29, Paragraph 2 of the Patent Law.

Note

1. Japanese Patent Application 2000-148684 (Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication 2001-44992)
2. Japanese Patent Application H10-232440 (Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication 2000-069017)

(Remarks)

See Cited Example 1, paragraphs 12 and 13 and figure 1.

See Cited Example 2, Claim 1.